

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/764,936	EBERLEIN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Henry Bennett	3743	

All Participants:
Status of Application: _____

 (1) Henry Bennett.

(3) _____.

 (2) Mark Garscia(atty).

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: _____

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☐ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☒ Applicant's representative)

 Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

All of Record

Claims discussed:

Proposed claim 1 (attached)

Prior art documents discussed:

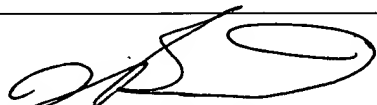
Sutter et al 4388921
Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet
Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Attorney pointed out that Sutter et al Col 8 lines 10-18 appears to describe Fig 13 as having a cylindrical upper section that would enable the screw ^{ELEMENT} 99b to be "dropped" into the bushing 101. This appears to be different from the claimed feature of the screw head being held in the bushing element by the screw head ~~AND BUSHING GEOMETRY~~.

It was also suggested by the examiner that the claims would more clearly define the invention if the environment of use was set forth in the claims.

The attorney also pointed out that the reference to Sutter et al does not appear to show a shoulder and seat arrangement between the screw and bushing as set forth in proposed claim 1.

An updated search will be conducted before a final decision ~~on~~ on patentability is rendered.

Bennett, Henry

From: Mark Garscia [Mark.Garscia@cph.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2006 2:55 PM
To: Bennett, Henry
Subject: Serial No. 09/764936

Dear Examiner Bennett -

I am confirming our interview for Monday, May 22, 2006 at 9:00 am (Randolph Building).

The current status is we have received a first Office action after the filing of an RCE. At the interview, I would like to discuss two proposals for amending claim 1. I have copied claim 1 below with the two proposed changes identified by underlining (additions) and brackets (deletions). I would like to discuss the changes independently of each other.

Sincerely - Mark Garscia

1. (Currently Amended) A fastening assembly, comprising:

a fixing element to be fastened to a substructure, said fixing element having at least one bore;

at least one screw which can be passed through said at least one bore of said fixing element, and which can be screwed into said substructure, said screw having a shaft and a head, (second proposal) the head having a shoulder; and

at least one bushing arranged in said at least bore, through which said screw can be passed for screwing said screw into said substructure, said bushing being able to swivel in several spacial directions when seated in said bore, said bushing further comprising a seat for at least partially receiving at least a (second proposal) shoulder [partial surface] of said head of said screw,

wherein an inner surface of said bore and an outer surface of said bushing are formed to be about spherically curved, such that a region of largest diameter of said inner surface and said outer surface is situated between an upper edge and a lower edge of said bore, (first proposal) and an upper portion of the bore has a diameter less than the region of largest daimeter wherein said bushing is loss-proof pressed in in said bore, and

wherein said head of said screw and said seat of said bushing form a substantially form-locking threadless connection.

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